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**1<sup>ST</sup> CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**  
**9th Health Informatics in Africa Conference**

**HELINA 2014**  
**11 – 15 October 2014**  
**Accra, Ghana**

<http://conf.helina-online.org/index.php/2014/index/>

**CONFERENCE THEME:**

**Informatics for Universal Health Coverage in Africa: From Point of Care Systems to National Strategies**

The 9th Health Informatics in Africa Conference - HELINA 2014 will take place in Accra, Ghana from the 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2014. This year conference is hosted by the Ghana Health Informatics Association (GHIA). HELINA, the Pan African Health Informatics Association, is the African Region of the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA).

The organizers of HELINA 2014 invite original submissions that address the use of informatics or computer sciences for universal health coverage in Africa in the following categories:

- Full research papers (completed research with mature results) with 5 to 8 pages
- Work in progress papers with 5 to 8 pages
- Experience presentations or “case studies” (reports of health informatics or e-Health implementations and lessons learned) (1 page abstract)

Submissions can be prepared either in English or French and must not have been proposed to other symposia or journals.

Papers will undergo a **double-blind peer reviewing process**. Accepted full research papers will be published in the journal of Health Informatics in Africa (<http://www.jhia-online.org>) and accepted work in progress papers will be published in an electronic **conference proceedings** on the website of HELINA with an ISBN. At least one author must register to the conference.

The conference will be organized around the following major tracks and as such all submissions should relate to one of these tracks:

- National e-health strategies, policies and architectures
- Point of Care Health Information Systems
- Integrated healthcare and in Universal Health Coverage
- Health Insurance and Electronic Claims Processing
- Clinical Decisions Support Systems
- Health Information Systems and Integration of Vertical Health Programmes, specialized care (maternal and child health, mental health, HIV/AIDS, etc.)
- Data Mining, Big data analytics, and National Health Data Reporting Platforms
- Health Information Systems analysis, development, implementation and assessment
- Software architectures interoperability, Health Data Standards and controlled Vocabularies
- Informatics in the Implementation of Monitoring and Evaluation Systems
- Health Informatics education, research methods and capacity development
- Empowering communities and community participation

An **online submission system** and a **submission template** available on the conference web site <http://conf.helina-online.org/index.php/2014/index/> must be used. The template contains more detailed instructions following the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals [http://www.icmje.org/manuscript\\_1prepare.html](http://www.icmje.org/manuscript_1prepare.html). In case of difficulties while using the submission platform, please contact the conference technical team directly at [technical@helina-online.org](mailto:technical@helina-online.org).

**See the detailed Call for Participation on <http://conf.helina-online.org/index.php/2014/index/> for further details**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Submission deadline:	16 June 2014
Notification of acceptance of submissions:	18 August 2014
Camera-ready paper deadline:	8 September 2014
Conference:	11 – 15 October 2014

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